

Statement on Senate Action on Hate Crimes Legislation

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I am gratified that the Senate has unanimously passed the strong legislation I proposed to combat hate crimes.

All Americans deserve protection from hate crimes, and that requires us to stand together against intolerance, prejudice, and bigotry. The "Hate Crimes Prevention Act" gives power to those values and will help make our country more safe and secure.

Senate approval of this legislation gives it real momentum, and I call on the House of Representatives to meet its responsibility in combating violence that is fueled by hate. We have some distance to go before the "Hate Crimes Prevention Act" is the law of the land, but tonight's action by the Senate is a big step forward in the journey toward greater protection for all Americans.

Executive Order 13131—Further Amendments to Executive Order 12757, Implementation of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative

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By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 ("ATDA Act"), as amended, the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA), as amended, the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104-107), and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-214), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. *Amendment of Executive Order 12757.* Executive Order 12757, "Implementation of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative," as amended by Executive Orders

12823 and 13028, is further amended as follows:

- (a) The Title is amended by adding at the end thereof "and the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998".
- (b) The Preamble is amended:
 - (1) by striking the comma (",") after Public Law 101-624, and inserting instead "and"; and
 - (2) by inserting "and Public Law 105-214" after "Public Law 102-549".
- (c) Section 1 is amended:
 - (1) by striking "and" after "sections 703", and inserting instead a comma (",");
 - (2) by inserting ", 805(b), 806(a), 807(a), 808(a)(1)(A), 808(a)(2), 812 and 813" after "704";
 - (3) by inserting "and the corresponding determinations required by section 805(b) of the FAA," after "FAA" the second time it appears; and
 - (4) by inserting "sections 808(a)(1)(B) and (C), and 808(a)(4) of the FAA, and by" after "The functions vested in the President by" the second time it appears.
- (d) Section 3(b) is amended:
 - (1) by striking "also" after "Enterprise for the Americas Board shall"; and
 - (2) by inserting at the end of the section "The Enterprise for the Americas Board, as constituted pursuant to section 811 of the FAA, shall also advise the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development on the Secretary's negotiation of Tropical Forest Agreements."
- (e) Section 3(c) is amended:
 - (1) by striking "section 708(c)" after "the ATDA Act and", and inserting instead "sections 708(c) and 809(c)";
 - (2) by striking "and" after "environmental framework agreements" and